

an elongated neck fixed to and extending from said top surface and including [for supporting] a hosel with said hosel fixed at an angle to said sole and positioned forward of said face;

said hosel having an opening for receiving a putter shaft;

[said hosel opening having an edge lying substantially parallel with said top surface;]

said head having a thickness between said face and back surfaces that varies in the head and toe regions from a maximum at the sole to a minimum at the top surface, and a thickness in a central region of less than 20% of the thickness in heel and toe regions;

said sole having a thickness in said central region of less than about 20% of the thicknesses in said heel and toe regions;

said sole having a cut out region extending from said back surface toward said face;

said cut out region having parallel recessed edges; and

an insert configured to fill at least some of said cut out region and having edges configured to slide into said recessed edges.

7. (Amended) The putter according to claim 1 wherein said heel [heal] and toe regions have thicknesses at least about 1 inch, from face to back surface.

8. (Amended) The putter according to claim 1 wherein said heel [heal] and toe regions have thicknesses at least about 1.5 inch, from sole to top surface.

9. (Amended) An improved golf putter head which comprises:

a face for striking a golf ball;

a sole for positioning adjacent to a golf green surface;

a back surface;

a top surface lying substantially parallel to said sole;

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an elongated neck fixed to and extending from said top surface and including [for supporting] a hosel with said hosel fixed at an angle to said sole and positioned forward of said face;

said neck having at least one recess parallel to said elongation;

said hosel having an opening for receiving a putter shaft;

[said hosel opening having an edge lying substantially parallel with said top surface;]

said head having a thickness between said face and back surfaces that varies in the head and toe regions from a maximum at the sole to a minimum at the top surface, and a thickness in a central region of less than 20% of the thickness in heel and toe regions;

said sole having a thickness in said central region of from about 0.0625 and 0.5 inch and a thickness in said heel and toe regions of at least three times the thickness of said central region;

said sole having a cut out region extending from said back surface toward said face;

said cut out region having parallel recessed edges extending from said back surface;

and

an insert configured to fill at least some of said cut out region and having edges configured to slide into said recessed edges.

12. (Amended)      The putter according to claim 9 wherein said insert is formed from materials selected from the group consisting of aluminum, plastics [such as] including acetyl, epoxy and acrylic resins, copper, graphite, steel, depleted uranium, tungsten, brass, titanium, wood, rubber, fiber filled plastics, foamed plastics and mixtures and combinations thereof.